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*Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Cholera and smallpox—
Cholera on steamship Hudson.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, August 3 and 11:

Week ended July 31. One original and 2 supplemental bills of health issued to 3 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 437. There were inspected 2 steamships, 109 members of crews, 1 cabin passenger, and 8 steerage passengers. Manifests were viséed for 10,508 pieces of freight. The baggage of 3 steerage passengers, numbering 8 pieces, was disinfected. Four emigrants for San Francisco per steamship *China* were examined, of whom 3 were passed and 1 was recommended for rejection on account of trachoma.

The steamship *Hudson*, repairing in this port, and ultimately bound to New York, developed 3 cases of cholera among her crew, the first being the chief officer, whom I saw within 2 hours after he was attacked, and whom I had immediately removed to the isolation hospital. The second officer and the Chinese steward, who nursed the first case, were attacked by the disease in about 14 and 18 hours, respectively. All were immediately removed from the ship, the Chinaman by his friends, as is usually the case. The first case was taken ill on the morning of July 29, and died on the morning of July 31.

The exact origin of the outbreak is not determined. After the removal of the last case the ship was thoroughly disinfected, and the crew were removed temporarily to other quarters to undergo observation. The crew, including the officers, were bathed, and all effects were disinfected by steam, the articles being handled exclusively by the crew of the disinfecting hulk, who also gave the living quarters a preliminary disinfection with formaldehyde gas before the removal of the clothing, following it by a thorough scrubbing with carbolic acid solution after emptying, and a further fumigation with formalin. Especial attention was given to the water-closets. No further cases have developed. All the fresh water on board was boiled for 30 minutes by leading live steam into the tanks. All of this work I personally saw done.

Week ended August 7. Four supplemental and 2 original bills of health granted to 6 steamships, with an aggregate personnel of 1,275. There were bathed and disinfected by steam 88 members of crews, including 44 from the *Hudson*, and there were inspected 219 members of crews, 1 cabin passenger, and 22 steerage passengers. Manifests were viséed for 17,047 pieces of freight. There were disinfected by steam 378 pieces of baggage belonging to members of crews, including that of the *Hudson*, together with all textiles from the living quarters of the crew and officers. One ship was disinfected and 1 had her forecastles mechanically cleaned. There were also disinfected 2 pieces of baggage, the property of steerage passengers. Eight emigrants for San Francisco per steamship *Manchuria* were examined, of whom 2 were passed and 6 recommended for rejection on account of trachoma.

Cholera continues to be present among foreigners and natives, but not in epidemic form.

One death from smallpox among natives.